

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1491

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 21, 2003

An act relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1491, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Career technical education: public/private partnerships.

Existing law establishes various career technical education programs, including, among others, the regional occupational centers and programs, the career preparatory program, the regional career guidance centers, precareer technical programs, and the Industry-Based Certification Incentive Grant Program.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to provide for a private/public partnership program for the betterment of career technical education and would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as
2 follows:

3 (1) Thirty-two percent of high school pupils drop out before
4 graduation and of those who graduate only 30 percent attend
5 college.

1 (2) Few options and even fewer resources are designed to help
2 these young people shape their futures.

3 (3) Career and technical education programs can address these
4 problems but have been reduced by 60 percent in the last 20 years.

5 (4) Employers are unable to find enough skilled and motivated
6 employees to meet demands.

7 (b) In order to help alleviate the severe education and
8 workforce development crises in California, it is the intent of the
9 Legislature to provide for a private/public partnership program for
10 the betterment of career and technical education.

11 (c) It is also the intent of the Legislature to encourage and create
12 incentives for the development of private/public partnerships that
13 can assist in creating, maintaining, and enhancing options for
14 pupils who seek an academically rigorous and personally
15 rewarding education and to assist these partnerships for the
16 express purpose of improving opportunities for pupils to acquire
17 hands-on training and skills in career and technical education in
18 program areas identified in the California state plan for vocational
19 and technical education.

